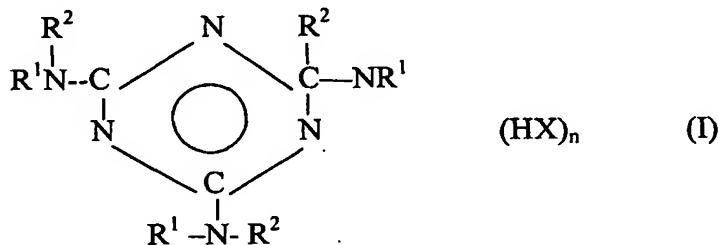


AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claim 1 amended; remaining claims unchanged (1 page)]

1. A flame-retardant polymeric composition comprising:

- (i) a polymer;
- (ii) a triazine or a mixture of triazines of the general formula (I);



where: - R¹ and R², which are either the same as one another or different from one another, may be: H; a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, either linear or branched, simple or substituted with chlorine or bromine; an aryl group, either simple or substituted with chlorine or bromine;
 - X is chlorine or bromine;
 - n = 0, 1, 2, 3

- (iii) a bismuth compound of formula Bi_zA_w;

where: A is X, O, CO₃, O₂CO₃ or any other residue capable of forming a bismuth compound;

X is a halogen as defined above;

z and w are integers fulfilling the valences of Bi and A;

- (iv) a compound selected from red phosphorus or a phosphorous compound, alone or in combination with an organic compound capable of forming free radicals,

in which:

- if R¹ and R² is H or a non-halogenated alkyl or aryl group and n = 0, then A is X;
- the maximum content of said halogen X on the total of the components from (i) to (iv) in said composition is 1 wt%.

2. The flame-retardant polymeric composition according to Claim 1, in which said triazine of formula (I) is a melamine or a mixture of melamines of formula (II), obtained from the formula (I) when R¹ = R² = H: